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SUBJECT: US-HAITI CONSULTATIONS ON TEXTILES

REF: (1) PAUP 1159; (2) STATE 111002; (3) PAUP 1060; (4) STATE 095749

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED HAITINA NOTE DATED MAY 14 IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY NOTE OF APRIL 28 (REF 4). INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ITS NOTE NO. 104 OF APRIL 28, 1975, REGARDING THE LIMITATION ON CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS IMPORTED FROM HAITI AND INVITING THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE PART IN NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON THIS MATTER.

QUOTE IN ACCEPTING THIS INVITATION, THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT NOTES THAT THE JUSTIFICATION GIVEN, THAT IMPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS CAUSE OR THREATEN TO CAUSE DISRUPTION OF THE DOMESTIC AMERICAN MARKET, DOES NOT APPLY IN THE CASE OF HAITI.

QUOTE IN REALITY HAITI, A COUNTRY OF AN ESSENTIALLY AGRICULTURAL CHARACTER, POSSESSES VERY FEW NATURAL RESOURCES AND HAS NEITHER THE MEANS NOR THE SIZE OF A COUNTRY WHOSE "NATIONAL" RESOURCES COULD CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS THREAT FOR THE LARGE AND HIGHLY
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INDUSTRIALIZED AMERICAN MARKET.

QUOTE THEREFORE, REFERRING TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT PROPOSED IN SEPTEMBER 1974, THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTING A REVISION OF THIS DRAFT AGREEMENT AND CONSIDERING AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS THE FIGURES FOR HAITIAN TEXTILE EXPORTS FOR 1974 OR 42,350,813 SQUARE YARDS.

QUOTE FURTHERMORE, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE AVERAGE RATE OF INCREASE DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND ESPECIALLY THE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING INDUSTRY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI WILL ACCEPT AN OVERALL QUOTA OF 84,701,626 SQUARE YARDS -- INCLUDING INDIGENOUS HAITIAN FABRICS -- FOR 1975, THE FIRST YEAR COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT.

QUOTE AN INCREASE OF 7 PERCENT OF THIS QUOTA WILL BE APPLICABLE TO 1976 AND 1977.

QUOTE THIS 84,701,626 SQUARE YARDS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO CATEGORIES IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

1. FROM 2 TO 5 PERCENT OF THIS QUOTA IS THE CASE OF COTTON TEXTILES;
2. FROM 5 TO 10 PERCENT OF THIS QUOTA FOR SYNTHETIC FIBERS AND TEXTILES; AND
3. FROM 1 TO 3 PERCENT OF THE QUOTA IN THE CASE OF WOOL.

QUOTE ONCE AGAIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY TO THE UNIQUE SITUATION OF HAITI, THE ONLY COUNTRY OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE TO BE INCLUDED AMONG THE 25 LEAST DEVELOPED NATIONS, AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S BEARING THIS FACT IN MIND. END QUOTE

2. IN EMBASSY VIEW, THIS NOTE WAS BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY PRIOR TO HIS FIRST DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICE ON MAY 5. (DURING THOSE DISCUSSIONS HE ASKED HER IF SHE HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.)

3. NONETHELESS, MURAT DID NOT REQUEST MINISTRY TO CHANGE THE NOTE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CONVERSATIONS OF MAY 5 AND MAY 15. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FURTHERMORE, MURAT HAS STILL NOT CALLED THE EMBASSY, AS HE PROMISED, TO CONFIRM THAT GOH WISHES TO RENEW NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 27.

4. IN VIEW OF THESE FACTORS, EMBASSY SEES LITTLE OR NO POSSIBILITY THAT A GOH DELEGATION WOULD BE WILLING TO COME TO WASHINGTON MAY 27 OR THAT THEY WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT IF THEY DID COME. ANY AGREEMENT CONTAINING LEVELS MUCH BELOW

THOSE PROPOSED IN THE NOTE WOULD CLEARLY HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO
PRESIDENT DUVALIER FOR APPROVAL. EMBASSY HAS NOT PRESSURED SECRETARY
MURAT FOR A DECISION ON CONSULTATIONS IN VIEW OF THESE FACTS.

5. ACTIONS REQUESTED: WOULD APPRICIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS
ON POSSIBLE RETURN OF U.S. DELEGATION TO HAITI TO RENEW
NEGOTIATIONS, PERHAPS IN JUNE OR JULY.
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